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SUBJ: POSSIBLE CANADIAN CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF CIEC

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DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH MOLGAT, DIRECTOR, WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, EXTAFF, EMBOFF MENTIONED IN GENERAL WAY UNDERSTANDING THAT GOC OPPOSED TO ASSUMING CIEC CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. MOLGAT EXPRESSED COMPLETE SURPRISE AT THIS AND SAID HE WOULD CHECK AROUND IN EXTAFF FOR CLARIFICATION. HE CALLED BACK SEVERAL HOURS LATER TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS: SUGGESTION THAT OTTAWA HAS DECIDED TO REJECT CIEC CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OR SOLICITATIONS OF GOC INTEREST IN CO-CHAIRMANSHIP IS MISREPRESENTING THE SITUATION IN OTTAWA. THIS, HE ADDED, HAS NOT EVEN BECOME AN ISSUE YET SINCE CANADIANS HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED TO BECOME CO-CHAIRMEN AND FRENCH FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES NOT IN POSITION TO EXTEND SUCH INVITATION. IN MOLGAT'S WORDS, TALK OF GOC POSITION ONE WAY OR OTHER "MUCH TOO PRELIMINARY" AND PRESUMABLY REPRESENTS EITHER A GARBLE OR A PERSONAL OPINION. PORTER

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